

Welcome to St Michael's Church, Alnwick



Sunday 30th December 2018 The First Sunday of Christmas

A particular welcome if you are with us for the first time.
Please do stay behind after the 9.30 am and 11.15 am services today for
tea/coffee and a chat.
If you receive Communion at your own church, you are invited to do so
here or, if you would prefer, to come forward for a blessing.

*Large print books are available, please ask a sidesperson.
We have a Loop System: please switch your hearing aid to the T position.*

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION – in St Paul's Chapel

President	The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Preacher	John Cooke
Reader	Holly Petrie

9.30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

INTROIT HYMN 58 A great and mighty wonder

President The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

*Parents with babies and very small children are most welcome to take
them to the Children's Corner (at the back of church) at any time.*



1ST READING 1 Samuel 2:18-20 & 26 Reader: Nellie Shrimpton
(Page 254 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible)

A thousand years before Christ, the birth of Samuel was in its own way,
miraculous. In her gratitude for a son, his mother Hannah gave him to the
service of God in the temple, and this reading ends with words very like those
Luke wrote of Jesus – a child growing up in favour with God and people.

2ND READING **Colossians 3:12-17** **Reader: Cath Hughes**
(Page 199 of the New Testament in the pew Bible)
 Paul says we are to teach each other the richness of the Gospel of Christ as we live and worship together, in love and peace.

GRADUAL **72 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

THE GOSPEL **Luke 2:41-52**
(Page 57 of the New Testament in the Pew Bible)
 This precious story is all the Gospels tell us about Jesus as a boy. He accompanied his parents on their annual Passover visit to Jerusalem and was found in deep and absorbing conversation with the religious teachers. He grew up in favour with God and people.

SERMON **John Cooke**

PRAYERS **Intercessor The Rev'd Gerard Rundell**

OFFERTORY HYMN **90 Who would think that what was needed**

COMMUNION HYMN **88 What child is this. who, laid to rest**

CLOSING HYMN **715 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided**

11.15 am	LATE MORNING WORSHIP
Leader	Rachel Robinson
Talk	The Rev'd Canon Dennis Winter

6.00 pm	SUNG EVENSONG (BCP, 1662)
Readings:	Isaiah Ch. 61 <i>Page 702 of the Old Testament in the pew Bible</i> Galatians 3:27-4:7 <i>Page 186 of the New Testament in the pew Bible</i>
Reader:	Rosie Buxton
Officiant and Preacher	The Rev'd Canon Paul Scott
Hymns	71 Jesus Christ the Lord is born
Psalm	148 <i>(page 535 in the small prayer book)</i>
	76 Love came down at Christmas
	694 Jesus, Lord, we look to thee
	65 Good Christians all, rejoice

WORSHIP AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wed 2nd

10.15 am Holy Communion

Next Sunday	6th January	The Epiphany	
8.00 am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 60:1-6	CW 771
		Ephesians 3:1-12	CW 773
		Matthew 2:1-12	CW 773
9.30 am	Parish Eucharist		
6.00 pm	Sung Evensong, BCP 1662	Isaiah 60:1-9; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17	

Advance notice of THE CONTAGIOUS EXPERIENCE: 10:00-12:00, Saturday 12th January at Alnwick Methodist Church. Open to all - come along and enjoy cake & a cuppa as we share progress of the Youth and Schools work, Mighty Oaks coffee van, etc., and introduce some of the exciting resources being used.

An enormous THANK YOU to all who helped to make our CHRISTMAS WORSHIP so special this year. An amazing 1,115 people came to celebrate the birth of the Saviour and countless compliments were made about the quality of the worship and the welcomes received. For whatever part you played: Thanks be to God!

A PARISH HALL DRAW took place on 23rd, in which the winners were:
1st £20, No.28 – Alan Craig. 2nd £10 No.4 – Cath McNally.
3rd, £5 No 34 - Marian Cocks. Congratulations, folks!



FUTURE DIARY DATES – MAKE A NOTE OF THEM NOW

Tues 8 th Jan	9.30 am	Gateway planning meeting in Parish Room
Thurs 10 th Jan	7.00 pm	Baptism Preparation in church
Sat 12 th Jan	10.00 am	The Contagious Experience, at Alnwick Methodist Church
Tues 15 th Jan	7.30 pm	PCC in the Small Hall
Thurs 17 th Jan		<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i>
Sat 19 th Jan	11.00 am	Messy Church in St Michael's

A thought for the New Year

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And he led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East

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Curate: The Rev'd Gerard Rundell

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